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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The power cut has started only from last month. Its adverse effects may be known in three or four months' time. I may tell the hon. Member that for the month of December and also for the month of January the allotments made to most of the societies were not taken, because there was no demand."

Alleged use of tear gas on demonstrators near the Collectorate, Visakhapatnam.

*86 Q.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the police used tear gas on the peaceful demonstrators near the Collectorate, Visakhapatnam, on 17th December 1952; and

(b) if so, what necessitated this action?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) It is true that on 17th December 1952 the police had to use tear-gas to disperse a crowd of demonstrators near the Collectorate, Visakhapatnam. A large crowd of students, about 5,000, went to the Collectorate demanding that the Office of the Collector should be closed and squatted in front of the office. Two M.L.As. and some members of the local Bar Association also met the Collector and requested him to close his office. The Collector pointed out to them that it would not be proper for him to do so and requested them to urge the students who were squatting in front of his office to disperse. These gentlemen informed the students accordingly. Thereafter the police party under the charge of the Assistant Superintendent of Police and Personal Assistant to the Collector were pelted with stones and shoes. After due warning the police used tear gas to disperse the crowd. One student tried to attack a constable and he was arrested and was set free later on.

It is not correct to suggest that the demonstrators were peaceful. Government are satisfied that the use of tear gas was right and that, but for it the situation might have taken a much worse turn."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" ఇప్పుడు ప్రధాన మంత్రిగారు ఒక చరిత్రను చదివేరు. అందులో ఈ విషయం కలగాపులగం చెయ్యడం జరిగింది. జిల్లా కలెక్టరువద్దకు వెళ్లి తిరిగి వచ్చేలోపున టియరు గ్యాసు (tear gas) ఉపయోగించటము జరిగింది. ఈ టియరు గ్యాసు అక్కడ ఉన్న A.S.P. అవసరములేకుండా ఉపయోగించేరు. అక్కడ ప్రజలనుండి ఏమైనా ఫిర్యాదులు వచ్చినవా? వానిపై ప్రభుత్వం ఏమైనా విచారణ జరిపించినారా అని నేను అడుగుతున్నాను."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not accept the statement of facts as put by the hon. Member which differ from what I have stated already to which I stick."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" ఈ టియరు గ్యాసు ప్రయోగము జరిగినపుడు ఎంతోమంది పట్టణ ప్రముఖులు అక్కడ ఉన్నారు అనే విషయాన్ని గమనించి వారు అందరు కోరుతున్న విధముగా ఒక ఇంక్వైరీ (enquiry) జరిపించడానికి, ఆ టియరు గ్యాసు ఉపయోగము సరి అయినదో కాదో విచారించడానికి ప్రభుత్వం పూనుకుంటుందా? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The use of tear gas has not produced and does not usually produce very serious consequences. It is intended to prevent a more serious turn being taken by the demonstration. No enquiry is called for for the use of tear gas. It did not produce any bad effects except on the Police who received some injuries."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The question that was asked was whether the Government had received memoranda from the public giving a different version from what the Chief Minister has just given to us and if so what action was taken by the Government on those."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I understand the history of memoranda said to be sent by the public as it is called. But these memoranda are prepared by parties which are interested in attacking the Government in all their aspects."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" An insinuation is not an answer. The question is whether the Chief Minister is prepared to stand the test and prove that the memoranda were prepared by interested parties; if not, are the Government prepared to have a detailed enquiry into the case? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" In all these cases, enquiries have been held by magistrates."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is there not an element of force involved in the attempt of the demonstrators to force the Collector to a decision and, therefore, is not the right of the demonstrators to call themselves peaceful forfeited? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already stated that force begins from zero and goes up to hundred degrees and wisdom consists in preventing developments at the proper stage. The story that I have narrated, which I think is true, shows what exactly the dangers were on the occasion."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister said that enquiries had been held by magistrates. Did the magistrates give notice to the public about the enquiry and may I know whether the enquiry was held publicly and whether evidence was taken? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" In the state of things that prevailed there, no magistrate could possibly hold an enquiry without the knowledge of the public and the public

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were fully aware of the enquiry. A number of witnesses were examined and any further enquiry and any further proceedings in the matter will only lead to a **worsening of conditions.**"

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" May I know from the Chief Minister why tear gas was not first used in the other places like Nellore and Guntur before shooting was resorted to? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" **Next time it will be done, Sir.**" **(Laughter.)**

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ టియరు గ్యాసు ఉపయోగించడానికి ప్రధానమైన కారణము అక్కడకు వెళ్లిన డిమార్క్‌స్ట్రేటర్లే అని వారు శాంతియుతముగా లేరు అని ఆరోపణ జరిగింది. డిమార్క్‌స్ట్రేటర్లు శాంతియుతముగా లేరు కాబట్టి టియరు గ్యాసు ఉపయోగించినాము అని మీరు అంటున్నారు. 'అది సరికాదు. ప్రజలందరు శాంతియుతముగా ఉన్నారని ప్రజలు చెబుతున్నారు. ఇందులో ఏది నిజమో ఎంక్వైరీ చెయ్యమని మేము ఇపుడు కోరుతున్నది. మీరు ఇంక్వైరి చేసినామని అంటున్నారు. ఎవరిని విచారించినారు? ప్రజలందరికి ఇటీమేషను ఇచ్చి విచారణ చేసినారా? ఎవరరైతే పిటిషన్లు ఇచ్చినారో వారికి నోటీసు ఇచ్చారా అని నేను అడుగుచున్నాను."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Such enquiry as was just, reasonable and useful has been **made. I do not** accept the position that a further enquiry now **will be of any** use whatsoever except in starting false **evidence.**"

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" May I know, Sir, the names of the two M.L.As. who asked the Collector to close the office." 8-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" **I am sorry, Sir,** I have not here the names of the two M.L.As."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 87, Mr. Krishna Rao."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" On a point of order, Sir."

AN HON. **MEMBER** :—" ఈ ప్రశ్నమీద తగిన వ్యవధి అయినా ఇవ్వాలి. లేకపోతే అర ఘంట చర్చకు అయినా అనుమతి ఇప్పించాలి అని నేను కోరుతున్నాను."

MR. SPEAKER :—" **Now we are having the general discussion** on the Budget and the hon. Member has not spoken, so **far;** I will allow him sufficient time during this general discussion to speak on this subject. I cannot however allow a half-hour debate especially when we are having the general discussion on the Budget."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఒక చిన్న విషయము. బడ్జెటు చర్చ 6 రోజులలో అయిపోతూ ఉంది. ఈ 6 రోజులలోను **figures** (అంకెలు) ను గురించి ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్రం గురించి, ప్రజల కష్టాలగురించి మాట్లాడుతారు. **Firing** ల గురించి మాట్లాడే అవకాశం ఉండదు. కాబట్టి అర ఘంట చర్చకు అవకాశం ఇవ్వడం చాలా అవసరం. ఆంధ్ర దేశములో కాల్పులు జరిగినవి. ఈ కాల్పులకు ప్రజలదే తప్పు అని ఆచార్యులుగారు చెబుతున్నారు. ప్రజలు తప్పు చెయ్యలేదని రుజువుచేసే బాధ్యత నామీద ఉన్నది."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Granting for argument's sake that I allow a half-hour debate, I will only allow three members to take part in such a debate. First I will allow ten minutes for the hon. Member who asked for this half-hour debate and 5 minutes each for two more hon. Members. During the remaining ten minutes the Hon. Minister will reply. That being so and when we have 375 members, I cannot satisfy all the hon. Members even if I allow a half-hour debate."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ నలుగురికి ఇచ్చిన అవకాశముతో సరి అయిన జవాబులు చెప్పడానికి అవకాశము దొరకదు. కాబట్టి అరఘంట అవకాశము ఇవ్వడం చాలా మంచిదని నా అభిప్రాయం. బడ్జెటుకు నియమించినవి 5 రోజులు ఉన్నప్పుడు దేనినిగురించి మాట్లాడాలో తెలియదు."

MR. SPEAKER :—" My point is, that when there is an opportunity to refer to this matter during the general discussion on the Budget I need not allow a half-hour debate on this."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Now the question is : normally a Budget session lasts for about a month when various demands are taken up and they are debated upon for 14 or 15 days. Unfortunately for various reasons into which we need not go at present, the debate on the demands is limited to bare two days. Many things have happened in the State,—questions of fundamental policy of the Government—and there are many problems of great consequence to the people. Under these circumstances, it will be difficult to discuss all these things within the two days allotted for the debate on demands. That is why a half-hour debate is requested on this question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Police demand is coming up before the House on Tuesday. I will give the hon. Member ample opportunity then to raise this question."

" I will now take up question 87."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If I have any place in the discussion as to time being allotted for a discussion . . . (Interruption.) Mr. Speaker, if you have closed it I do not wish to say anything."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, that matter has been closed and I am on the next question."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" ప్రధాన మంత్రిగారు రిఫరుచేసిన ఇద్దరు M.L.A. లలో నేను ఒకడను. కలక్టరుగారితో మాట్లాడినది నేనే. జరిగిన విషయములు నాకు స్పష్టముగా తెలుసును. ఫ్యాక్టులలో తప్పు ఉన్నది కాబట్టి నేను చెప్పవలసిన అవసరము ఉంది."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is the hon. Member referring to the same subject? (Hon. Members. ' He is referring to the same subject.')

" That subject is closed. I am not going to allow any more hon. Members to speak on this matter. I now pass on to question No. 87."